

1. Counsel has only recently been appointed;
2. The defendant earnestly wishes to review a plea offer if extended by the government;
3. The defendant wishes to investigate possible defenses prior to considering

1 the government's plea offer;

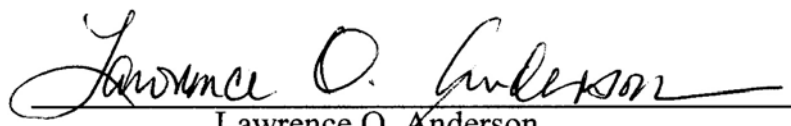
- 2 4. The government's plea offer if accepted by the defendant and then the court,  
3 would likely reduce defendant's exposure to a significant term of imprisonment;
- 4 5 If the defendant does not timely accept the plea offer prior to indictment, the  
5 government will withdraw said plea offer and any subsequent plea offer after indictment would likely be less advantageous to the defendant;
- 6 6. Failure to extend time for indictment in this instance would thus operate to  
7 bar defendant from reviewing the government's plea offer in a meaningful way prior to indictment; and
- 8 7. The ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interest  
9 of the public and the defendant in a speedy indictment.

10 The Court therefore concludes that the ends of justice are best served by granting  
11 an extension of time to present the case to the grand jury and in excluding a period of  
12 thirty (30) days under the Speedy Trial Act. In making this determination, the Court has  
13 particularly taken into account that the failure to grant the Defendant's request "would  
14 deny counsel for the defendant . . . the reasonable time necessary for effective  
15 preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence." 18 U.S.C. §  
16 3161(h)(8)(B)(iv).

17 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that defendant's Motion to Extend Time for  
18 Indictment requesting an extension of thirty (30) days within which the  
19 government may seek to indict defendant, is hereby granted.

20 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C.  
21 3161, the Government shall have an extension of thirty (30) days to file a timely  
22 Indictment. Excludable time shall begin to run on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after arrest for a period of  
23 thirty (30) days in which the Government may present the case to the grand jury.

24 DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

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26 Lawrence O. Anderson  
27 United States Magistrate Judge  
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